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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Albanian Operation - Alleged Plans for Liberation
of Albania

1. A well-placed contact in the Greek General Staff advises that, approximately 4 August 1949, a meeting of Albanian leaders was held in Trieste under the guidance of the British [] to plan the overthrow of Enver Hoxha.

2. The Albanian leaders attending this meeting are said to have included Midhat Frasheri, Abas Kupi, Saja Kryeziu and Abas Ermeni from Italy, and Gani Kryeziu, Kall Galioni (Gjelosh - ?) and two representatives of Tito from Yugoslavia.

3. The Albanians allegedly refused to agree to any surrender of their claims to Kosovo, and Tito's representatives were intransigent. The meeting is reported to have ended without any agreement being reached.

4. Now, according to the same Greek General Staff contact, the British are making new efforts based on the Balli Kombetar, the Zogists and the Ermeni group. More Albanians are reportedly being taken from IRO camps on the pretext that they are being sent to Austria. Abas Ermeni is said to be remaining in Trieste with 24 Albanians.

5. Another meeting (apparently of the leaders mentioned above) is scheduled to be held in Skoplje.

6. The Greek General Staff contact in question reports that the Italians believe that the British are working to overthrow Hoxha and to bring Albania under Tito. He says that the Verlaci group also believes that the British are striving to overthrow Hoxha but that they are seeking to partition Albania between Greece and Yugoslavia.

7. The above contact states further that Ali Klissura has, through his representative in Italy, Keco Muka, threatened Frasheri, Kupi and Ermeni that, if they reach any agreement with Tito, he will denounce them to the Albanian people.

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8. Ismail Verlaci is reported to be collaborating with the Albanian catholics under the leadership of Marka Gjoni. It is considered probable that Klissura will join them.

9. The Italians have formed an "Action Committee" of ten men under the leadership of Alush Lleshanaku which is to be infiltrated into Albania. (The General Staff contact confided that these ten men were to have come to Greece to be used by the Greek General Staff but that, at the last moment, the leader of the group, Nuri Flaka, had been persuaded to go to Rome.)

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